

THE MORNING NEWS

FREE COPY

Your Source for local news in English

Caya G.F. Betico Croes 111 T. 588-9517 F. 5889518.

Budget

- Quality vehicles; economy and compact cars, intermediate and four-wheel drives with air conditioning.
- Attractive daily & weekly rates.
- Free hotel pick up & drop off.
- Courteous on-time service.

Offices at:
Airport: 5:00 am to 11:00 pm
Hotel: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
Camacuri: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Tel. 582-8600 • Fax. 582-7212
 E-mail: budgetaruba@setarnet.aw - www.budgetaruba.com

"AN INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED BUDGET SYSTEM LICENSEE"

Republicans slam Obama on Israel, Iran

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Republican White House hopefuls slammed US President Barack Obama's policy towards Israel yesterday, charging he has undermined its security, set back Middle East peace efforts, and coddled Iran.

Speaking to hundreds of their party's Jewish activists, the candidates called for "regime change" in Iran and Syria and agreed that Obama has placed undue pressure on Israel to return to the negotiating table with the Palestinians.

"This one-sided, continuing pressure that says it's always Israel's fault -- no matter how bad the other side is -- has got to stop," thundered former House speaker Newt Gingrich, who has surged to frontrunner status in recent polls.

Gingrich, former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney and other candidates for the party's nod to take on Obama in the November 2012 elections spoke to a forum of Republican Jewish leaders one month before the first nominating contest.

"President Obama has immeasurably set back the prospect of peace in the Middle East," charged Romney,

long seen as the man to beat for the nomination.

Republicans energized by Obama's low popularity have slammed his Middle East policy, hoping to pump up Christian conservatives and erode Democrats' usually strong support from Jewish voters, a small but potent voting bloc.

Gingrich bluntly called for "regime replacement" in Iran, vowed to "fund every dissident group in the country," and urged US action "indirectly and covertly" to help Syria's opposition "replace" Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

Gingrich vowed to move the US embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, blasted Obama's ambassador to Belgium for saying some anti-Semitism stems from the Arab-Israeli conflict, and denounced Defense Secretary Leon Panetta's "outrageous" call for Israel to return to peace talks with the Palestinians.

US presidential candidates hunting for votes have typically vowed to move the embassy, as called for under a 1995 law, but presidents of both parties have used their power to waive the law's requirements once in office.

WEB, ELMAR and UTILITIES N.V. working together on campaign to save energy



A massive awareness program has been put together by WEB, ELMAR and Utilities N.V. to make every citizen on Aruba aware of what to do to save on their water and electricity bills. First they increase the tariffs, and now they will teach us how to save energy! They will go house to house sharing valuable tips during this special campaign. Businesses will also be visited with the same important saving tips.

These companies are convinced that in order to achieve the best results, it is imperative that they go directly to the client. They have already promoted, through the media, the

client to get the full scope of the message across. They plan to begin this campaign in earnest during this month of December.

Our utility companies are putting their slogan into practical action.... "beware, use electricity conscientiously" and don't waste water unnecessarily." This message will reach clients through special brochures, a television program and the direct home visits.

In the month of January a team of technicians will visit homes offering clients an "audit."

Continued on page 5

COOL CASINO ARUBA
 J.E. Irausquin Boulevard 79 Palm Beach Dutch Caribbean ARUBA

www.coolcasinogaming.com

AT THE RIU PALACE ARUBA

US DOLLAR TEN

US\$ 10.00

PROMOTION TICKET

THIS VOUCHER WILL BE EXCHANGED FOR \$10 PROMOTIONAL SLOT TICKET AT THE HOST DESK *** FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY ***



hours-Serving
12:00pm to 10:00ish,
phone number 586-3904

PILSENER BEER
Balashi
BREWED IN ARUBA

Free 10 oz Balashi draft with the purchase of any sandwich & fries or onion rings.

free delivery in hotel area for orders over \$50.00

serving
lunch and dinner
seven
days
a week,



5 Burgers Aruba

Burgers, Fries.. & More!

THE VILLAGE PLAZA
(behind Senor Frog's)



Minister of Social & Economic Affairs Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar:

A Happy Community is a joint responsibility of the public/Private sector



Professor Evelien Tonkens

Today concludes the three-day community building initiative from Aruba's government, the Happy Community Conference. Boasting a roster of internationally recognized social and political pundits as speakers, the conference was aimed at engaging the Aruban people, particularly many of its leaders in education, economic and social affairs within each neighborhood, and educating them in the theories and practices of Communitarianism.

Yesterday's session began with addresses by Aruba's Minister of Social and Economic Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar,

followed by Keynote Speaker Professor Evelien Tonkens



from the School of Social Sciences Research, University of Amsterdam. A former member of the Dutch Parliament, Professor Tonkens has occupied an Endowed Chair in Active Citizenship at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology since 2005. She has published many articles and books on the interaction between ideals of citizenship and social change. Her most recent books are Participation, responsibility and choice. Summoning the active citizen in western welfare states, (with Janet Newman) and Crafting citizenship (with Menno Hurenkamp and Jan Willem Duyvendak, Palgrave 2012.)


Yesterday's presentations

2. What are modern communities, in a pluriform society

Nostalgic versus constructive concept of community

Nostalgic:

- Trying to restore former communities that were broken down
- Based on similarities and like-mindedness



the laws to regulate the practices; this is something lawmakers must also remedy.

Time has created a shift from a company only showing a profit for its shareholders; now, good corporate citizen must consider the stakeholders: the community which will also profit by the company's actions. The Minister quoted Archie Carroll, who authored "The Pyramid of Corporate Social Responsibility: Toward the Moral Management of Organizational Stakeholders," among several treatise on the subject and part of the Harvard Faculty. "In my view, CSR involves the conduct of a business so that it is economically profitable, law



Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar

abiding, ethical and socially supportive." This is the pyramid of CSR.

Continued on page 5

Name: Last Name:

Hotel: E-mail:



Cool Casino
ARUBA
WWW.COOLCASINOARUBA.COM

Where Everyone is Welcome

*** MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DISCONTINUE THE PROMOTION AT ANY TIME ***

*** 1 PER PERSON PER DAY ***

were on the subject of Corporate Social Responsibility. "The principal purpose of a company is to make a profit," conceded Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar. However, over the decades, corporate social responsibility has evolved. Also, what will now define a responsible, community-minded company, which also defines doing no harm to the environment, is tied into the actions of legislators. Damage done by harmful practices in the past was often not anticipated by






Sasaki Apartments

Fully furnished **studio apartments**, walking distance to Eagle Beach, per day, week or month, excellent alternative for your next vacation in Aruba.

Bubali #143, Noord, Aruba

Phones: (297) 587-7482 / 587-6474 Fax: (297) 587-8448

www.sasaki-apartments.com

E-mail: sasakipartments@hotmail.com



Cool Casino
ARUBA
WWW.COOLCASINOGAMING.COM

Points

on **SLOTS** all day long!

THURSDAY

LOCATED WITHIN THE RIU PALACE HOTEL
J.E. IRAUSQUIN BLVD. 79 PALM BEACH - PH. 297 - 528 0993 EXT. 981

Brazil and Holland Supports Aruba's Vision



Mike de Meza

ORANJESTAD -- Just recently, Ministers de Meza and Oduber were in Brazil participating in the Economic Mission organized by the Dutch government in Brazil.

This mission appears to have been very beneficial to Aruba. Aruba succeeded in opening doors of opportunities. This was the first time that

they were able to visit Brazil and immediately make agreements on the highest levels of government.

As we know, Brazil is a major emerging world power, and considered one of the 10 most powerful world economies. The relationship between Brazil and the Netherlands is very strong with Holland being the second largest investor in Brazil after the United States.

Minister Oduber met with different government officials and succeeded in making firm agreements for Aruba on different areas.

Oduber met with the Secretary of State for Economic Development, Energy, Industry and Service. One of the agreements made during this encounter will be crystallized in the month of March 2012.

They agreed to plan an Economic Forum in Aruba on governmental and commercial levels. This idea was applauded by all parties, both the Brazilian and Dutch governments.

The primary focus of that Economic Forum will be to focus on the relationship between Brazil, Aruba and Holland as this relates to commerce and investments. The concept is for Aruba to become a hub between Brazil and Europe, while Holland could be the door in Europe for Brazil.

The Economic Forum is planned for March 2012.

Oduber also met with the Brazilian Minister of Agriculture, who also plans to participate in the March Forum. In a subsequent meeting with the

Vice-Minister of Industrial Development and Exterior Commerce along with the Secretary of State, they also confirmed their attendance at the March Forum in Aruba.

Minister Oduber, in charge of Tourism here met with the Minister of Civil Aviation and spoke about an MOU in the area of aviation that they began working on since last year. The MOU will entail more safety regulations and the liberalization of aviation.

In the upcoming commercial mission in 2012 they will sign said MOU. They also talked about the 2 direct flights from Sao Paulo to Aruba which is to begin in July 2012.

Other matters of interest and importance discussed were: 1. Aruba as a hub for private jets, 2. Commuter Airport



Otmar Oduber

in San Nicolaas, 3. Aruba as a hub for cargo, 4. the Economic Mission in March 2012, 5. and Arubus.

All in all, Ministers de Meza and Oduber had very excellent meetings in Brazil and consider the mission to Brazil very successful and productive.

M^H

MARIO HERNANDEZ

Paseo Herencia Mall. Store C-14. Aruba
Phone: (297)5860300

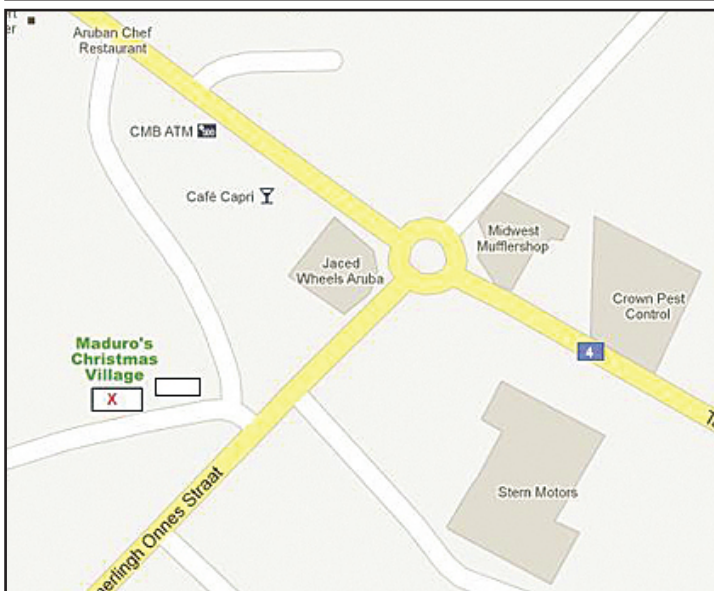
The luxury of leather

DISCOVERY 2 Hour Tour
Snorkeling - Glassbottom Cruise
 bring this ad and receive \$5 discount per person



3 daily tours: Mon thru Fri
 11 am - 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
 Adults \$40/Kids half price!
 Call in yourself and get \$5 OFF!
 Tel: 5931658
 Location: De Palm Pier or Pelican Pier

Grand opening of Maduro's Christmas Village



TANKI LEENDERT -- A truly unique location to visit while on the island during the Holiday season is Maduro's Christmas Village. The Maduro family started off with one Christmas village underneath their Christmas tree which they used to display to family members and friends only. Over the years they kept adding to the Christmas Village and what used to be a family tradition has now grown into a grand piece of art.

Every year Mr. and Mrs. Maduro transform the entire living room of their traditional Aruban home into a magical landscape filled with Christmas villages, lights and decorations. They keep adding hidden surprises and new pieces to the Christmas Village each year. What keeps this couple going is the big smiles and twinkling of the eyes of

the visitors they receive.

The grand opening of Maduro's Christmas Village is this upcoming Saturday, December 10th, 2011 starting from 7 pm - 11 pm at Tanki Leendert 235. For a map to Maduro's Christmas Village please visit: www.tinyurl.com/arubavillage or ask your tour operator to visit Maduro's Christmas Village.

During the opening ceremony there will be musical entertainment of two popular Christmas bands; which are Los Sobrinitos and Las Unicas. These bands are called "gaita's," one of them consisting solely of youngsters between the ages of 3 - 18 years and the other band is an all ladies bands that will surely get you in the Aruban Christmas Spirit. There will also be beverages and Aruban snacks sold on location.

Early Bird Special \$ 24.95
 5pm to 7pm No service charge. Free glass of wine

Entree:
 * Soup of the day- or Home salad - or Caesar Salad

Main Dish
 Home made stew chicken (jerk chicken)
 or
 Arawak steak
 (Tenderloin steak with caramelized onions)
 or
 Fish Fillet (Grouper) creamy garlic or Criollo sauce.

All served with : Rice -fried plantain or polenta (funchi) with vegetables.

Dessert
 Ice cream or Rum and carrots cake.

Authentic Aruban Cuisine.
 Open 7 days a week 11 am - 11 pm.
 for reservations
 Tel:583-3262 -7363262
 Weststraat1, Lokaal 1
 close to Cruiseship Terminal Downtown.
 email: saus.arubancuisine@live.com




Home & Nature is celebrating their 10th anniversary today



ORANJESTAD-- This year Home & Nature are celebrating their 10th anniversary and will be doing this in style.

As a special thank you to their clients there will be a Jazz ensemble led by well-known local artist Michelangelo. Aruba's best musicians

will be performing Michelangelo's original songs, together with Martin Buitenweg on guitars, Hilward Croes on keys, Erik Eman on bass and Jeremy Bonarriba on drums.

So everyone is invited to stop by and be dazzled by Michelangelo as he did at the

Caribbean Jazz Festival 2011.

Beverages will be taken care of by Arion wine company.

Home & Nature is situated at Avenida Milio Croes 70. The event starts at 7:30 p.m. till 11 p.m.

The Cristo Rey Church of Brazil presents their second annual Christmas Concert

BRAZIL -- On Saturday, December 10, 2011, the Cristo Rey Church of Brazil presents their second annual Christmas Concert. A total of eight local choirs will be present at this event: "Coro Cristo Rey," "Coro Divino Niño Hesus," "God's Sons," "Melange," "Rejoice," "Coro Vlam di Amor," "Joyful Notes," "Koor Alegre San Franscisco" and as guest choir from Curacao "Santa Famia."

The Christmas Concert starts at 8 pm at the Church of Brazil. There will be beverages and traditional local snacks available for sale.

The Cristo Rey Church of Brazil invites you to come over and witness the angelical voices of Aruba's choirs. The goal of this event is to fortify the already existing bond between local choirs, to raise funds for the church and to start off the Christmas season in a beautiful way.

For a map to the church, please visit: <http://wikimapia.org/17742602/Parokia-Cristo-Rey-Brazil>





*Your Island...
Your Lifestyle...
Your Home...*

Homes starting from \$275,000

Dare to Dream...

OUTSTANDING INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY!

- Gated community with 24 hours security
- Villas, Town Homes and Condos
- Full resort facilities and services
- Prime location near 18-hole golf course
- Financing Available
- Vacation rental program

We Invite You To Visit Our Model Villa & Town Home

Opening Hours:
Weekdays 9am - 6pm
Saturdays & Sundays upon appointment

E-mail: info@goldcoastaruba.com • E-mail: rentals@goldcoastaruba.com
Tel: +297-586-2200 • Fax: +297-586-2201
Toll Free from the U.S. 1-866-978-5770 • www.goldcoastaruba.com

Gold Coast
Malmok • Aruba

WEB, ELMAR ...

Continued from page 1

This "audit" will evaluate the house's electrical system, light bulbs being used, air conditioner, refrigerator and all other apparatus and electrical systems that influence the use of electricity. They will also examine the efficiency of the use of water, water lines, and faucets, and the commode. The most important matter in the entire process is that the team will offer expert advice on the spot as to what changes or improvements need to be made to reduce the cost of energy.

Our utility companies want to be proactive in the promotion of the conscientious and responsible use water and electricity.

In the planned television program, ELMAR, WEB and Utilities N.V. will illustrate some of the results they were able to help initiate in various homes and will show how these homes have begun to save. They will demonstrate some of the products being used to reduce the consumption of water and electricity.

To receive a visit from the team, you can contact them at Telephone 525-4200. Your call can be placed any time now as of this month of December. Two technicians will come to your home and share their expertise and provide excellent advice on what you can do to save on your water and electric bills.

A Happy Community is a joint responsibility ...

Continued from page 2



The Minister cited that it is wonderful of businesses to donate regularly to worthwhile causes, but in today's world, and with a mind towards innovation, the practice of integrating social change and benefits to the community in the original business model would be the ideal. She described the enormously successful business of TOMS shoes as an example.

In 2006, Amazing Race contender Blake Mycoskie ended up in Argentina, where he was very impressed by a very comfortable shoe worn by the indigenous farming population, but dismayed that most of the children went barefoot, which also kept them out of school. He started a company based on that design, with the premise of donating a pair of shoes to a child for every pair sold; the "one for one" movement. It also curbs many soil-transmitted diseases prevalent in developing countries. The concept has proven wildly successful, and has changed the lives of children in poor communities around the world.

"Corporate success and social welfare are interdependent," explained Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar, "A business needs a healthy, educated work force, sustainable resources and adept government to compete efficiently," ac-

cording to Michael E. Porter and Mark G. Kramer in their definition of Shared Value. "For society to thrive, profitable and competitive businesses must be developed and supported to create income, wealth, tax revenues and opportunities for philanthropy."

Professor Tonkens cited her team's finding when studying civil responsibility among the Dutch, and attempting to de-

vised methods to engage the community in volunteer work and organizations. There are challenges in today's modern pluriform communities, consisting of many national and ethnic sub-groups, and how to encourage civic groups to flourish.

There are some community members who will always take the lead in regards to civic duty, their challenge was how to engage those that don't, and it was found that providing federal funding was a stimulus. However, among volunteer organizations and volunteers who were surveyed, Dr. Tonkens' team found the overriding requirement for volunteers and organizations to stay with a project was not simply the finances, but reinforcement that their efforts were getting attention from those who mattered and they were being listened to, which held the promise of possible results. It

was also found that those who regularly indulged in volunteer work live longer, healthier and happier lives.

Yesterday, the Happy Community Conference also hosted a fair in Oranjestad's main square, where various local foundations and service groups welcomed all while explaining their purpose and hopefully recruiting volunteers.

Today the Happy Community Conference moves to the YMCA in San Nicolas and begins with an address from Aruba's Minister of Public Health and Sports, Dr. Richard Visser.

by Rosalie Klein



* Bring this ad to receive a free orange juice

Romancing the Stone at
Le Petit Cafe

Located at:
Playa Linda
Beach Resort
Tel. 586 4046

Breakfast Monday thru Saturday 8 - 11 AM

\$ 9.95

2 Eggs (fried, scrambled or poached)
with bacon, and link sausage,
potatoes, toast and coffee or tea.

ALSO OPEN FOR LUNCH

not valid with other promotional offers or coupons
No Service Charge.

Early Bird Special
Le Petit Cafe

Only
\$ 24.95

Stone Grill Restaurant & Bar Every Day from 5-7 pm

Dinner Salad
or
Soup of the day

Lemon Chicken Breast
or
Petit Filet Mignon
or
Filet of Grouper

Ice Cream
Chocolate
or
Vanilla

All served with French Fries or Baked Potato on our famous HOT Stone
not valid with other promotional offers or coupons
No Service Charge.

TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

US death penalty bid ends against ex-Black Panther

PHILADELPHIA (AFP) - Philadelphia prosecutors on Wednesday dropped a decades-old quest to get the death penalty against Mumia Abu-Jamal, a former Black Panther militant convicted in a racially charged case of killing a police officer in 1981.

District Attorney Seth Williams took the decision after legal setbacks, but said he had acted reluctantly and still believed that the original sentence of capital punishment had been "appropriate."

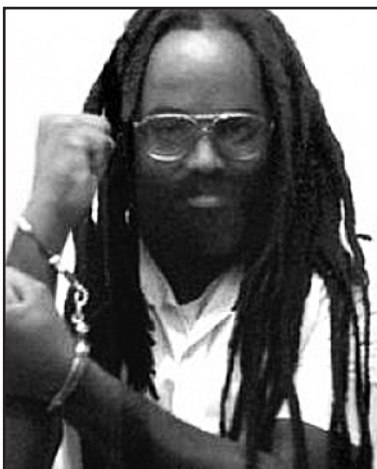
"The decision to end this fight was not an easy one," he said in a statement.

The decision comes months after a US appeals court ordered a new sentencing hearing because of potentially misleading jury instructions. The US Supreme Court declined to intervene in the case, presenting prosecutors an uphill battle if they wanted to get the original sentence confirmed.

Abu-Jamal's defense team welcomed the announcement.

"The district attorney did the right thing," John Payton said. "After three long decades, it was time to bring the quest for a death sentence for Mr Abu-Jamal to an end."

Jamal, 57, a former member of the separatist Black Panther Party and former radio journalist, will instead spend the rest of his life in prison for the



1981 murder of Philadelphia police officer Daniel Faulkner, who was white.

He is represented by lawyers from the legal fund of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and has received support from celebrities and a network of well-wishers.

To his supporters, Abu-Jamal was an international symbol of a racist justice system and police brutality who had been framed for his political views. But detractors, including the city's powerful police union and Faulkner's wife, steadfastly asserted Abu-Jamal's guilt.

"There has never been a doubt in my mind that Mumia Abu-Jamal shot and killed Officer Faulkner, and I believe the appropriate sentence was handed down in 1982," Williams said.

Colombia losing battle with climate change

BOGOTA -- AFP photo shows rescuers evacuating a local resident (wearing protective mask) on a rubber dinghy across a flooded street adjacent to a residential complex in the Bella Vista neighborhood, following the overflowing of the Bogota River, on December 7, 2011, in Bogota. Bogota's mayor Clara Lopez yesterday declared a state of winter emergency in the capital in view of the floods and mudslides caused by heavy rains. An ongoing series of floods in Colombia began in late April 2011, coinciding with the



country's rainy season. Torrential rains triggered extensive flooding and landslides

that have killed at least 108 people and left more than 430,000 affected.

Ex-governor gets 14 years in Obama seat scam

CHICAGO (AFP) - Ousted Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich was sentenced to 14 years in prison yesterday for trying to auction off President Barack Obama's vacated US Senate seat and a host of other corruption charges.

The Democratic governor was arrested in the midst of what prosecutors called a "political corruption crime spree" just weeks after Obama's historic November 2008 election.

He was convicted of 17 corruption counts in June after his first trial resulted in a hung jury on all but one of the charges.

"The harm here is not measured in the value of money and property," Judge James Zagel told Blagojevich in handing down the sentence.

"The harm is the erosion of the public trust in government; people's confidence in and trust in government."

The expletive-laden transcripts of Blagojevich's secretly recorded conversations and his subsequent antics created fascinating political theater.

While Obama managed to emerge untainted, the scandal shone a spotlight on the state's corruption-filled political scene and cast a shadow on his early days in office.

Five of the past nine Illinois governors have been indicted or arrested for fraud or bribery, and Blagojevich's predecessor, Republican George Ryan, is currently serving a six-and-a-half year jail term for fraud and racketeering.

Blagojevich's lawyers urged Zagel not to make an example of Blagojevich, noting that Blagojevich never lined his pockets like other recently convicted politicians, but instead was merely convicted of

pushing for campaign donations and a plum job in exchange for political favors.

Blagojevich, 54, was also convicted trying to shake down a children's hospital, a construction executive and a racetrack owner for campaign contributions, as well as trying to get the owner of the Chicago Tribune newspaper to fire editorial writers who were critical of his leadership.

He appeared to be a chastened man yesterday, tearfully apologizing for his "self-absorbed" and "immature" comments and for trying to fight the case in the media, even while insisting that he never meant to do anything wrong.

Thai Restaurant SAWASDEE
FRESH AND DELICIOUS THAI FOOD COOKED FRESH TO ORDER.
HOME GROWN HERBS AND SPICES
BIG VARIETY ON VEGETARIAN DISHES
Located at Palm Beach 186b, next to Wendy's at
walking distance from High Rise Hotels. phone 586 8071

Extend your Stay at
Quality Apartments
73 Fully furnished apts. Kitchen / Airco / Cable TV
Free Internet / Library / Swimming Pool / Laundry / Fitness Room
Less than 1 mile from Eagle Beach! Feel free to contact or visit us.
Mon - Fri: 8am-7pm. Sat&Sun: 9am-5pm
Tel: (297) 582-0697 / 583-7484 Fax: 583-5203
E-mail: quality@setarnet.aw - Website: www.arubaqualityapartments.com

Kadhafi family tried to escape to Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexican officials said yesterday they foiled a plan in September to smuggle one of Moamer Kadhafi's sons and other family members of the former Libyan leader into the country.

Government Secretary Alejandro Poire said Mexican intelligence officials uncovered the plot at the height of pro-democracy protests in the north African nation to bring Saadi Kadhafi and other relatives into Mexico on false papers.

Poire said Mexican authorities had broken up a ring involving people from different nationalities, including Mexicans, Canadians and a Danish national who had bought properties in Mexico to be used as "safe houses."

The plan, discovered on September 6, appeared to be preparing to use private flights to fly Kadhafi's relatives to an area on Mexico's Pacific coast, the official said.

Noriega could be extradited to Panama Sunday



Manuel Noriega

PANAMA CITY (AFP) - Panama's former dictator Manuel Noriega could be extradited from France on Sunday to serve prison time in his native land, officials said yesterday.

"We are trying to confirm whether Sunday is the day," Panama's Minister of Government and Justice, Roxana Mendez, told AFP.

After spending over 22 years in US and French prisons, Noriega is expected back in Panama before Christmas, following a French appeals court's ruling that he could be extradited to serve time for crimes committed under his iron-fisted rule of the 1980s.

The former US ally, now 77, ruled Panama from 1983 until his overthrow in a US invasion in 1989.



Celebrating



100 YEARS OF CHEVROLET

Anniversary Spoiler Kit Package

Valued at Awg. 3,500 as a Gift



CHEVROLET CRUZE AWG. 42,900



Tanki Leendert 122 • Tel: 582-3838

Like us on



Chevrolet Aruba | www.sterngm.com

UK plans marine protection zone near Falklands

LONDON (AFP) - Britain is planning a huge marine protection zone near the Falkland Islands in the southern Atlantic ocean, in an area that is also claimed by Argentina, an official said yesterday.

The Times newspaper reported that the zone measuring one million square kilometres will be around the island of South Georgia, where the

Falklands war began nearly 30 years ago, and the South Sandwich Islands.

A British official speaking on condition of anonymity confirmed the details in the Times and said a formal announcement was due in the coming days by the government of the islands, which are a British overseas territory.

"We are planning a marine

protection area. There's no real secret about it, we have talked to the stakeholders and discussed it with the fishing industry," the official told AFP.

"These are UK waters that are under discussion."

The marine zone would allow authorities to ban the slaughter of whales and other wildlife, while fishing would only be permitted in design-

nated areas, the Times said.

It is a habitat for penguins, walrus and Patagonian toothfish, it added.

The Foreign Office in London said any announcement on the subject would be made by the government of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, but said it would back such a marine zone.



Gente Bella Spa

"Healthy Spirit Lives in Healthy Body"

By Appointment Only
(Free pickup & Drop off)

Phone: 588-0494
or 566-2009

US\$60

SWEDISH MASSAGE
or **DEEP TISSUE MASSAGE**
or **HOT STONE MASSAGE**
or **AROMA THERAPY RELAXING MASSAGE**
or **WRAPS - FACIALS - NAIL**

Health & Living

US unveils new international gay rights strategy

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States put the fight against gay and lesbian discrimination at the heart of its foreign policy Tuesday, but stopped short of warning transgressor nations they could be stripped of US aid.

President Barack Obama on Tuesday ordered all government agencies that play an active foreign policy role to take steps to encourage foreign nations to put a premium on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) rights.

"I am deeply concerned by the violence and discrimination targeting LGBT persons around the world," Obama said in a memorandum unveiling his directives.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton meanwhile, in an impassioned speech at the United Nations in Geneva, committed \$3.0 million to start a Global Equality Fund to support civil society organizations working for LGBT rights worldwide.

"Being gay is not a Western invention. It is a human

reality," Clinton said.

"Gay people are born into - and belong to -- every society in the world. They are all ages, all races, all faiths. They are doctors, and teachers, farmers and bankers, soldiers and athletes," she said.

The US action came amid rising international attention on discrimination against LGBT citizens and growing disquiet in Africa over Western policy on the issue.

Washington for example, has expressed concern over legislation in Nigeria that seeks to outlaw gay marriage and public displays of affection between homosexual couples.

Britain has meanwhile warned that it will consider withholding aid from nations which do not recognize gay rights.

Obama condemned laws that criminalize LGBT citizens, beatings of people who join peaceful LGBT pride celebrations, or the killings of

men, women, and children over their perceived sexual orientation.



"By this memorandum I am directing all agencies engaged abroad to ensure that US diplomacy and foreign assistance promote and protect the human rights of LGBT persons," Obama said.

Obama directed government agencies to fight against the criminalization of LGBT activity abroad and to combat discrimination, homophobia, and intolerance.

He required the depart-

ments of State and Homeland Security to ensure LGBT asylum seekers are properly protected and noted the US government could resettle highly vulnerable people who need urgent protection.

The president directed agencies involved with foreign aid and development to engage governments and civil society groups abroad to "build respect for the human rights of LGBT persons."

He also directed swift action to respond to human rights abuses against LGBT people perpetrated by foreign governments and required all agencies to produce an annual report on progress towards all the initiatives.

Obama however appeared to stop short of warning that nations that do not satisfy US requirements on aid could automatically see American assistance cut.

"The president's memo today puts forward a comprehensive strategy, of which one component is finding affirmative ways to support these efforts through our assistance," said Caitlin Hayden, a National Security Council spokeswoman.

"We are not talking about cutting aid or tying aid, but we are talking about using all of our tools, including assis-

tance, to translate our principles into action."

Clinton said the Global Equality Fund will help civil society organizations target advocacy, learn how to use the law as a tool and manage their budgets and staff.

The chief US diplomat, who received a standing ovation at the end of her speech, said LGBT rights were universal human rights.

Joe Solmonese, of the Human Rights Campaign, which fights for the LGBT community, praised the Obama administration's new strategy.

"Today's actions by President Obama make clear that the United States will not turn a blind eye when governments commit or allow abuses to the human rights of LGBT people."

But Texas Governor Rick Perry, courting social conservatives as he seeks the Republican presidential nomination to take on Obama in next November's election, accused the president of waging a war on American values.

"This is just the most recent example of an administration at war with people of faith in this country. Investing tax dollars promoting a lifestyle many Americans of faith find so deeply objectionable is wrong."

Human rights key in combating AIDS among gay men: WHO

(AFP) - Vast improvements in human rights and access to treatment are needed to protect

gay men against HIV/AIDS, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said Monday.

"If you want to achieve zero new infections, you have to address the human rights issues," WHO official Ying-Ru Lo said after a meeting about infection rates among gay men at the International Conference for AIDS and sexually transmitted infections in Africa (ICASA).

She said stigmatisation and high levels of discrimination blocked access to AIDS treatment, boosting infection rates among gay men in developing countries.

"We must ensure the well-being of the most marginalised groups," she added.

Men who have sex with men are 19 times more likely to contract HIV/AIDS in lower income countries, ac-

cording to a 2011 WHO report.

Africa is the region hardest hit by epidemic.

Homosexuality is illegal in more than 75 countries of the world, and is widely considered taboo in Africa.

The director general of the African Medical and Research Foundation, Teguest Guerma, said it would take time to create laws protecting gay rights, but speaking openly about homosexuality was a crucial first step.

"In the past they were really underground, at least now they are coming to the surface," she said.

The ICASA conference in the Ethiopian capital has scheduled three sessions concerning the rights of homosexuals affected by HIV/AIDS, before closing on Thursday.





tandoor

the Indian Grill house

Lunch Buffet

Saturday - Sunday

12:00 - 3 p.m.

Dinner

Monday - Sunday

6:00 - 11:00 p.m

Palm Beach Center - Palm Beach Aruba - Tel: 5884494

La Linda N.V.
Mainstreet Downtown Aruba

1 Floor Menswear, luggage and more
2 Floor Ladies wear And girls wear
3 Floor Textile & notions, Article for kitchen, Bath and bedroom and more.
4 Floor La Linda's Office an soon cafeteria & more.

Tel: 5822120 Caya G.F. Betico Croes 1-3 In the beginning of the mainstreet.

Aruba's One And Only Department Store
For the Whole Family
Aruba's Biggest Store
Best Brands Best Prices

Sci-Tech

Africa: the new pot of gold for mobile telecoms

(AFP) - Africa's lag in land-based telecoms infrastructure has propelled the continent directly into the mobile age, opening up short-term growth prospects unparalleled in the world.

Sector players have seen growth especially in mobile Internet and banking services, as people use cellphone technology for lack of landlines or cable Internet.

"Africa is the last market to

emerge. China's emerged, India's emerged. So where else outside Africa need emerging? The growth opportunity is right here," said Nicolas Regisford, co-founder of Mi-Fone, a South African company that

specialises in producing low-cost handsets.

Mobile subscribers in Africa have increased by 20 percent annually over the past five years and will reach over 735 million by the end of 2012, a study by global mobile operators association GSMA found in November.

"Africa is now the world's second largest mobile market by connections after Asia, and the fastest growing mobile market in the world," according to the GSMA Africa Mobile Observatory 2011 report.

Industry players are equally excited over the commercial prospects posed by the continent's one billion people.

"Samsung is expecting revenue within Africa to amount \$15 billion, with the SADC region contributing about 25 percent of that figure, by 2015," said Gavin Clare, the company's representative in Zimbabwe, referring to the 15-country Southern African Development Community.

This philosophy also drives Mi-Fone, which eyes the immense market of consumers seeking entry-level phones.

"The African person wants a mobile device which will be doing mobile payments and accessing the world wide web. Right now, a lot of people cannot afford the smartphones that are flooding the market," said Regisford.

Ironically, this lack of traditional infrastructure, telecom and landline services, Internet penetration and broadband access, and banking services drives this growth in Africa, according to mobile systems expert Tomi Ahonen.

"As it happens the global Internet industry believes that the future of Internet is mobile. The global telecom industry believes that the future of the telecom industry is mobile, and the global money industry is starting to believe that the future of money is mobile."

One case in point is Kenya,

already the world's largest mobile financial services user in relation to its GDP. Almost 18 million Kenyans use their cellphones as a bank account to deposit or transfer money and pay their accounts -- contributing 8.0 percent of the GDP.

Several other African countries are following suit.

The "maturity of the market", as financiers call it, is another asset. Applications dominate the mobile world in Europe and the United States, but earn relatively little. On the other hand the mobile business in Africa keeps earning through more conventional services like text messages and voice calls.

This cellphone explosion in Africa contributes as much as \$56 billion to the region's economy, or 3.5% of its gross domestic product (GDP), but the indirect effect on growth is perhaps even higher.

"Local development of telecommunication has a direct impact on GDP. This is a professional tool. Many handcrafters or retailers dramatically need to be connected to the world to make business," said Regisford.

"In developing countries, for every 10 percent increase in mobile penetration there is a 0.81 percentage point increase in a country's GDP," the GSMA report found.

All the same a few barriers, like taxes on cellphones, hamper this growth, which could rob governments of more revenues if mobile phone penetration increased.

In Kenya tax revenues from mobile operators jumped a third in 2011 from 2009, when taxes were reduced on handsets.

"The Kenyan government's abolition of the 16 percent general sales tax on mobile handsets in 2009 has resulted in handset purchases increasing by more than 200 percent," according to the GSMA report.

Paseo Herencia
"nos orgullo... Aruba's pride"

Magic Fantasy

Stores are open Daily 10AM - 10PM
Sunday 5PM - 10PM
Restaurants are open for breakfast, lunch & dinner.

and Carnival
comes together in one night

Thursday at 8:00pm

Parking available in Paseo Parking Garage at Afl. 1.00 per hour
J.E. Yrausquin Blvd. 382-A (Situated across the Holiday Inn) Tel: 586-6533
Walking distance from the High Rise hotels

COMICS

PICKLES



MOMMA



CALVIN and HOBBS



CROSSWORD



CROSSWORD

FREE Coverage on our website:

www.themorningnewsaruba.com

THE NAME OF THE GAME

ACROSS

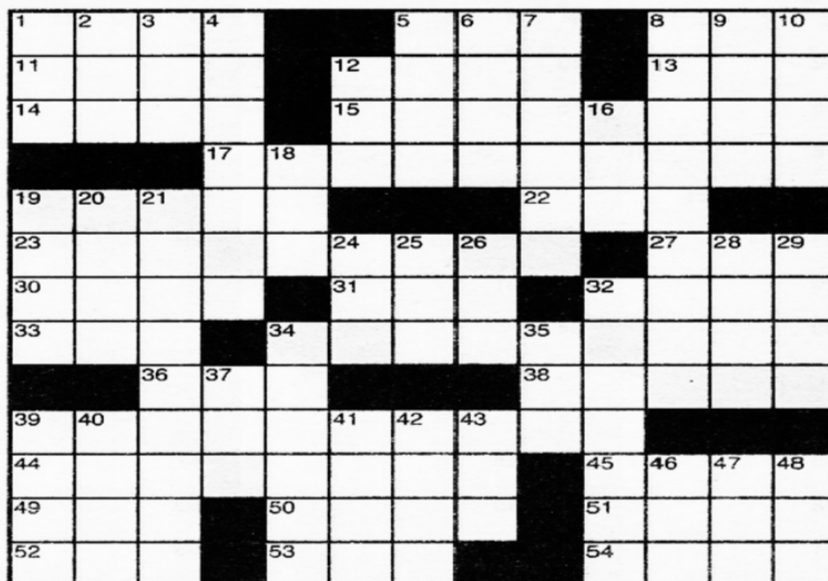
1. Cripple
5. Nest eggs: abbr.
8. Actor Denver
11. Elton John-Tim Rice musical
12. Nightcrawler or fly
13. Journalist Tarbell
14. Common bird
15. Meir and Rabin, e.g.
17. Where Gretzky played
19. Foil brand
22. Twilight, to Keats
23. Where Prince Charles plays
27. "... But You're Swell" (Benny Goodman)
30. Done's partner
31. P.O. course
32. Dark purple
33. Royal ruler: abbr.
34. Where Steve Caution romped
36. Stinger
38. Colander features
39. Where Eddie Felson plays
44. Looked at carefully
45. Farm measure
49. Part of RPM

DOWN

50. Grabs
51. "Double, double ___ and trouble" ("Macbeth")
52. "Conjunction Junction" freight
53. Zeta follower
54. Tense
1. Gullet
2. Trachea traveler
3. Minnow's cousin
4. Masculinity
5. "The ___ of Amontillado" (Poe)
6. Urgent
7. Strengthened,

8. Knowing two languages
9. One-eyed Norse deity
10. Enjoy a sunny day
12. Pen name of fame
16. "... I saw Elba"
18. Bumpkin
19. Cathedral part
20. Garden soil
21. Coach's prop
24. Nest egg for sr. citizens
25. Common abbr.
26. Singer Peggy
28. Behold, to Brutus
29. Comic strip

32. Allot fairly
34. Fret
35. Conjunction, for short
37. Shade giver
39. Rap's Salt-N-___
40. Yoked beasts
41. Med. school subj.
42. CMA winner McEntire
43. Mormons: abbr.
46. Massachusetts cape
47. Fix in advance
48. Bridge expert Culbertson



BOTICA

DRUG STORES OPEN AFTER HOURS

Dec 03 - Dec 10

Ostad : ' Botica Central N.V. ' - S.N: ' Botica Aloe N.V. '

Center for Hemodialysis

Posada Clinic Aruba
Tel. 580-2840/Pager 127-2446

INFORMATION

Telephone 118

Twelve Step Meetings

24 hours helpline 583-8989

Fellowship Clinic S.N.

Free treatment of
Alcoholism
and Drug Addiction
Anonymity guaranteed
Tel. 584-5440

SOS TELEAYUDO SOS

Telephone Helpline
583-1190
Mon.-Thu. 9 p.m.-12 midn.
Fri.-Sun. 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

CAS MARIE

Alzheimer's Day
Care Center
Tel: 5696910Important
Telephone
Numbers

HOSPITAL

Horacio Oduber Hospital
Tel. 5274000

EMERGENCY

Telephone 911
POLICE HDQS
Telephone 100

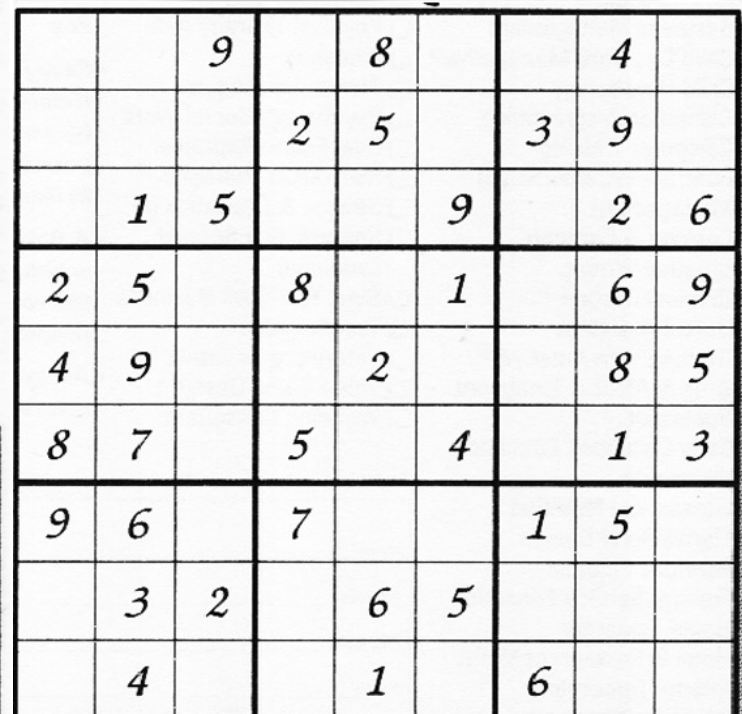
TAXI

C.V. TAS
587-1998, 587-5900
In Oranjestad:
Tel. 582-2116, 582-1604
582-5447
In San Nicolas
Tel. 584-5160, 584-6602
professional taxi services
Tel. 588-0035

Al Anon Meetings

Mondays 6-7pm
Sabana Liber 8 in Noord
Tel: 5673356 / 5838989

Sudoku



SOLUTION

2	8	9	8	1	6	7	5	3
8	7	6	5	9	4	2	1	3
1	5	3	2	7	8	9	6	4
4	9	2	1	6	5	3	8	7
3	2	1	5	4	9	8	7	6
8	7	6	5	9	4	2	1	3
9	6	3	2	7	8	1	5	4
1	5	4	9	2	7	8	6	3
2	8	9	8	1	6	7	5	3

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9
A number is Never repeated in a row or column.
In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9



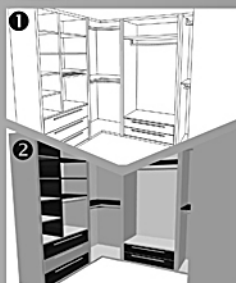
Office Systems Aruba

Customizing Innovation

Custom Made Furniture

- Closets (Walk in & Regular)
- Wall to wall book shelving
- Entertainment Centers
- Kitchens

Live Well
Make Yourself at
Home



Frankrijkstraat 10 tel: (297)-583-8373 email: sales@officesystemsaruba.com

Finance

Airlines risk major losses from eurozone crisis

PARIS (AFP) - Global airlines could face losses of more than \$8 billion (6 billion euros) next year if eurozone leaders fail to tackle the region's financial crisis, the industry's main trade group said yesterday.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA), which represents 240 airlines and 84 percent of global traffic, said in a statement it was downgrading its forecast for airline profits next year from \$4.9 billion to \$3.5 billion, with a net profit margin of 0.6 percent.

It also warned that the eurozone crisis was putting "severe downside risk on the 2012 outlook" amid fears it will evolve into a full-blown European recession.

"The biggest risk facing profitability over the next year is the economic turmoil that would result from a failure of governments to resolve the eurozone debt crisis," IATA chief Tony Tyler said in the statement.

"Such an outcome could lead to losses of over \$8 billion -- the largest since the 2008 financial crisis," he said.

The Geneva-based group said its outlook for 2011 profitability "remains weak but unchanged" at \$6.9 billion, with

a net profit margin of 1.2 percent.

"The global forecast for 2011 is unchanged... But regional differences have widened, reflecting the very different economic environments facing airlines in different parts of the world," Tyler said. "And the overall margin of 1.2 percent tells you just how difficult the battle for profitability in this business is."

In 2010 airlines had enjoyed \$15.8 billion in profits after losses of \$4.6 billion amid the economic downturn in 2009.

"European carriers are by far in the most challenging position," the IATA said. "Higher passenger taxes and weak home market economies have limited profitability in Europe."

It said Europe's carriers are forecast to generate collective profits of just \$1 billion this year, down from a previous forecast of \$1.4 billion.

For 2012, it said, "European carriers are expected to fall into losses of \$600 million, hit by the weakness of their home market economies and further increases in passenger taxes."

In contrast, North American carriers are expected to generate profits of \$1.7 billion next

year, Asia-Pacific carriers of \$2.1 billion and Middle East carriers of \$300 million.

Passenger demand meanwhile is expected to grow by 4.0 percent next year, down from a previous forecast of 4.6 percent, while cargo demand is expected to remain unchanged, it said.

In the worst-case scenario of a European economic meltdown, all global airlines could expect to suffer losses, IATA said.

Europe would post the deepest losses at \$4.4 billion, followed by North America at \$1.8 billion and the Asia-Pacific region at \$1.1 billion. The Middle East and Latin America would both be expected to post \$400 million losses, while Africa would lose \$200 million.

"This admittedly worst-case -- but by no means unimaginable -- scenario should serve as a wake-up call to governments around the world," Tyler said.

"In a good year, the airline industry does not cover its cost of capital, much less in a bad one. But in a bad year, aviation's ability to deliver connectivity and keep the heart of the global economy pumping becomes even more vital to initiating a recovery," he said.



Current as of:
12/07/2011

	Currency Code	Buying rate banknotes	Buying Cheques	Selling Rate
U.S.A.	USD	1.77	1.78	1.80
Dutch Antilles	ANG	0.98	1.00	1.002
Canada	CAD	1.740	1.760	1.780
Britain	GBP	2.710	2.760	2.820
Switzerland	CHF	1.9178	1.9250	1.9330
Netherlands	EUR	2.3610	2.3825	2.4065
Sweden	SEK	0.2544	0.2616	0.2696
Denmark	DKK	0.3109	0.3181	0.3261
Norway	NOK	0.3000	0.3072	0.3152
Japan	JPY	227.04	229.11	231.41

(per 10,000)

All rates for amounts up to AWG 100,000.00 per item.

Shell, ENI allocated major oil block off Nigeria

LAGOS (AFP) - Shell and ENI have been allocated a major oil block off Nigeria after years of litigation involving a company headed by a former petroleum minister, an official said yesterday.

Estimates of crude contained in the offshore block have ranged to as much as 9.2 billion barrels, but Shell, which confirmed the move, would not comment on the number.

Details of the deal to hand over the block, oil prospecting licence 245, were not made public.

"We can confirm that the

federal government of Nigeria has allocated the deepwater offshore block OPL 245 jointly to Nigeria Agip Exploration (NAE) and Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company (SNEPCo)," a Shell spokesman said.

The two companies are Nigerian divisions of Anglo-Dutch Shell and Italy's ENI and "each now holds 50 percent in OPL 245. By the agreement reached, NAE is operator of the block."

Local media has reported that the firms offered \$1.3 billion for the block, but the number could not be confirmed.

S&P says ratings warning was to stress gravity of crisis

PARIS (AFP) - Standard and Poor's said yesterday its warning that the ratings of eurozone members was at risk days before a crucial summit was meant to stress the gravity of the crisis.

Standard and Poor's chief European economist Jean-Michel Six told the Le Monde daily the ratings agency "wanted to make strong signal to emphasize the gravity of the crisis."

S&P made its announce-

ment that Germany and France could lose their top triple-A ratings, hours after Chancellor Angela Merkel and President Nicolas Sarkozy announced proposals to tighten eurozone budget controls to help resolve the crisis.

Many leading EU figures then attacked S&P for making what they termed unreasonable and politically motivated judgements.

FOR SALE

House in Oranjestad

Property Land
For info call
5643713 or
6607469

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

S	T	U	B	A	B	E	S	F	O
A	E	R	O	N	O	V	A	A	I
M	A	N	O	F	T	H	E	W	O
			A	I	R		A	G	E
E	T	H	E	R		S	C	R	O
S	W	I	G		A	S	E	A	
T	O	P	O	F	T	H	E	W	O
			I	T	E	M		R	O
T	A	S	T				S	O	M
I	A	G	O		R	E	O		
B	R	A	V	E	N	E	W	W	O
E	A	T		T	U	B	A		R
T	S	E		S	T	A	N		C

WORLD'S FINEST ALOE® SINCE 1890



ARUBA ALOE®

Store Locations: Hato Factory, Paseo Herencia, Palm Beach Plaza & Renaissance Mall. For more info T. +297 588 3222

f Follow us on Facebook!

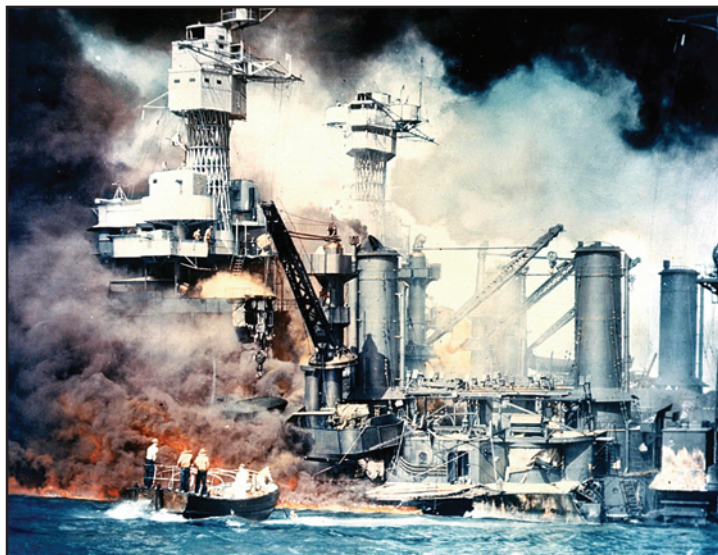
FREE
MUSEUM
&
FACTORY
TOURS

EVERY 15 MINUTES!

Pitastraat 115, Oranjestad
Mon to Fri 8:00am to 4:00pm
Sat 9:00am to 12:30m
T. +297 588 3222
www.ArubaAloe.comReceive a Free Gift
WITH YOUR PURCHASE OF \$50 OR MORE

*RESTRICTIONS APPLY

US marks 70th anniversary of Pearl Harbor



- A picture dated December 7, 1941, obtained from The National Archives shows the USS West Virginia burning after the surprise Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The carefully-planned and well-executed attack removed the United States Navy's battleship force as a possible threat to the Japanese Empire's southward expansion.

AFP PHOTO

HONOLULU (AFP) - The United States on Wednesday marks the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor with memorial services, lowered flags and silence at the moment the history-changing assault began.

Ceremonies were scheduled from Pearl Harbor in Hawaii

to Washington DC on the US East Coast to remember the 2,400 Americans who died on December 7, 1941 when Japan launched a devastating surprise offensive on the US Pacific Fleet.

President Barack Obama called for the Stars and Stripes to be flown at half mast on

federal buildings across the country, to mark National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

"On a serene Sunday morning 70 years ago, the skies above Pearl Harbor were darkened by the bombs of Japanese forces in a surprise attack that tested the resilience of our armed forces and the will of our nation," he said Tuesday.

"In the wake of the bombing of our harbor and the crippling of our Pacific Fleet, there were those who declared the United States had been reduced to a third-class power.

"But rather than break the spirit of our nation, the attack brought Americans together and fortified our resolve. Patriots across our country answered the call to defend our way of life at home and abroad."

At exactly 7:55 am (1755 GMT) on the fateful day, Japan awakened the American "sleeping giant," bombing the US Pacific Fleet anchored in Hawaii. In two hours some 20 ships were sunk or damaged and 164 planes destroyed.

Of the 2,400 who died, nearly half were killed in a matter of seconds aboard the

giant USS Arizona battleship, when a bomb detonated the ship's munitions depot, igniting a conflagration that burned for three days.

Denouncing "a date which will live in infamy," president Franklin Roosevelt declared war on Japan, leading the United States into World War II at a time when many of his countrymen had hoped to avoid the conflict.

For seven decades, some conspiracy theorists have believed that president Roosevelt had received intelligence about the Japanese attack before it happened, but willingly chose not to act on it.

The theory goes that Roosevelt believed the shock of the attack would persuade Americans of the need to enter the war.

The theory is based on the fact that US military radar failed to detect the approach of six Japanese aircraft carriers with 400 planes on board, which stopped 220 miles (350 km) from their target.

Whatever the truth, the day after Pearl Harbor, the US Congress officially declared war on Japan. Three days later, Germany declared war on the

United States. The US entry was to change the course of the conflict.

Nearly six decades after Japan's surprise World War II assault, Al Qaeda's September 11, 2001 attacks drew comparisons with Pearl Harbor, in the sense of prodding the US into military action and a profound strategic rethink.

In Pearl Harbor on Wednesday, just west of Honolulu, a handful of USS Arizona survivors will join other military veterans to salute those who died in the attacks, an annual ceremony made more poignant by the 70th anniversary.

In Washington, where a ceremony is scheduled at the US capital's World War II Memorial, Hawaiian-born Obama paid tribute Tuesday to "the more than 3,500 Americans killed or wounded during that deadly attack and ... to the heroes whose courage ensured our nation would recover from this vicious blow.

"As a nation, we look to December 7, 1941, to draw strength from the example set by these patriots and to honor all who have sacrificed for our freedoms."

Excellent dining, charming ambiance and a breathtaking view found only at La Trattoria El Faro Blanco

Over twenty years ago, a very clever person had the idea of placing a cozy little restaurant on the top of the cliff adjacent to the California Lighthouse, offering the most stunning view of Aruba imaginable. La Trattoria el Faro Blanco took over the location some years ago, and the restaurant's quaint trappings, superb selection and amenable staff has made it a one of the island's most popular dining spots ever since.

Savoring the sight of a spectacular Aruban sunset and the tiered layout of the eatery also makes it the ideal spot for marking a special occasion, such as an anniversary or a marriage proposal, as well as a perfect venue for weddings or a celebratory party. An extensive and diverse menu and wine list allows those planning a special festivity will be able to devise a memorable event and management is ready and willing to help you stay within your budget.

Many have taken note of this singular location as the place to go for that memorable romantic meal, and their reservation staff reports a waiting list for the rail tables that offer the best unobstructed view, recommending reservations well in advance if this is important to you.

The restaurant is now open from early in the day for refreshments, and is the perfect lunch stop while touring, serving from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, after which visitors can enjoy a light snack from their Pizza Mini Menu until 6:00 PM when they officially open for dinner, until 11:00 PM.

All these aspects of charming surroundings, dining al fresco with a breathtaking view (or in their enclosed air-conditioned dining room, if you prefer) and fine food makes La Trattoria El Faro the single dining experience that must not be missed before departing Aruba. Reser-



Stunning sunset



ervations can be made by calling 586- 0786 or 586-0787, or via e-mail link at their website, www.aruba-latrattoria.com, where you can peruse their latest menu, as Chef Alberto is always devising some tasty new specialty to take advantage of what is fresh for the season.



Osso Buco with Risotto



Enjoy an enchanting vacation at Sasaki Apartments



Sasaki Apartments is a pleasant complex of 24 studio apartments, conveniently located in the residential area of Bubali in northern Aruba. Just 400 meters (0.31 miles) from the famous Eagle Beach, which you can walk to in about 8 minutes. Downtown, casinos, shops, supermarkets and restaurants are just minutes away by car, for your convenience.

24 studio type air conditioned apartments fully furnished, warm water. 2 double beds or 1 king size bed, ceiling fan, cable TV, telephone. Equipped kitchenette, microwave, stove, toaster, coffee maker and kitchen utensils. Safe box. Daily maid service, self service laundry, BBQ area & garden, swimming pool & kiddy pool

Calm and friendly atmos-

phere characterizes the apartment complex, with an invitation to enjoy a relaxing atmosphere in its different areas: in the pool under the Caribbean sun, on the terrace reading a book, preparing a good barbecue by the pool, or in your apartment with total privacy.

Whether you come to Aruba for business, family vacation or honeymoon, Sasaki Apartments is an excellent alternative for the quality of its facilities and its reasonable prices.

Sasaki Apartment is situated in Bubali #143, Noord.

Tel: +297 587 7482; Fax: +297 587 8448.

Office hours are Monday to Friday 9:00 am. to 7:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. On Sunday only for check-in and check-out.

SPORT

England wait on Rooney's fate



LONDON (AFP) - English football, not for the first time, will be waiting to see what happens to Wayne Rooney when the Manchester United striker appeals against a three-

game ban that could rule him out of Euro 2012.

Rooney received the ban for kicking out at Miodrag Dzudovic in England's final qualifier in Montenegro in October but his appeal is set to be heard by UEFA, European football's governing body, today.

As it stands Rooney is due to miss England's three group games against France, Sweden and co-hosts Ukraine.

Although many pundits expect England to qualify from

their group, it is by no means certain they will make it through to the second round.

And that means England could travel to Poland and the Ukraine without one of their star players.

England manager Fabio Capello has repeatedly insisted a fit Rooney would be in his squad come what may.

But this week the Italian said he would wait to hear the outcome of Rooney's appeal first.

"I need to wait. I need to wait and see how the appeal goes this week," said Capello. "I hope Rooney will be there (at Euro 2012).

Donald lauds McIlroy as 'more talented' than Woods

DUBAI (AFP) - England's world No1 Luke Donald, who is attempting to win the Order of Merit on both sides of the Atlantic this week, Wednesday paid the ultimate tribute to the only man who can deny him that honour, saying Rory McIlroy is a more talented golfer than Tiger Woods.

Donald, whose amazing consistency in 2011 has made him the world No1 for a little over six months now, leads McIlroy in the European Tour's Race to Dubai going into the season-ending Dubai World Championship by 789,788 euros.

All he needs to do is ensure he finishes inside the top-10 this week to become the new European No1.

The Englishman has finished outside the top-10 only three times in 12 starts on the European Tour this year. In



file photo- Luke Donald

fact, he has been in the top-10 in 20 of his 26 worldwide starts in 2011.

But Donald is under no illusions that it will be a cakewalk for him, especially considering he is up against the reigning US Open champion and the world No2, McIlroy.

"I think we all expected Rory to come out and play

great. He showed the world how great he can be and will be going forward at the US Open.

"That was an unbelievable way to play in that event and finish it off like he did. I've always said, I think of the guys I've played out here on Tour, Rory has the most talent that I've ever played with," said Donald.

When questioned if that list includes 14-time Major champion Tiger Woods, Donald said: "I believe so, yeah. I know Tiger is very, very close and obviously I think Tiger's work ethic has always been tremendous, and his mindset, as well.

"I think his mindset is what has separated himself from the field when he was really at the top of the game. But in terms of talent, I think Rory has more talent.

Sandusky new sex charges continues from page 15

The new charges, which could bring up to 156 years in prison, could have an impact on Sandusky's current release on bail after being arrested last month.



Sandusky's latest charges include four counts of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse and two counts of unlawful contact with a minor, first-degree felonies. Each is punishable by up to 20 years in prison and \$25,000 fines.

He also faces one new count of indecent assault and two counts of endangering the welfare of children, all third-degree felonies that are each punishable by up to seven years in prison and \$15,000 fines.

Sandusky, 67, was also charged on Wednesday with one count of indecent assault and two counts of corruption of minors, misdemeanors each

punishable by up to five years in prison and \$10,000 fines.

"As in many of the other cases identified to date, the contact with Sandusky allegedly fit a pattern of 'grooming' victims -- beginning with outings to football games and gifts, they later included physical contact that escalated to sexual assaults," Pennsylvania Attorney General Linda Kelly said.

Kelly said Sandusky would hug or cuddle the child in acts first seen as affectionate that escalated to sexual abuse, including alleged acts in pools and a hotel Jacuzzi for Victim 9 and a pool and a car for Victim 10.

MAGIC

COMEDY MAGIC LIVE!

9 PM NIGHTLY

at the WESTIN RESORT, Aruba



IF YOU GO!

THE WESTIN
RESORT & CASINO
ARUBA

SHOWTIME: 9PM NIGHTLY

STARRING: Adam Steinfeld

WHAT: Comedy Magic, Grand Illusion show.

LOCATION: Westin Resort & Casino Aruba

THEATER OPENS: 8:30PM

BOX OFFICE OPENS: 8:00PM

COST: \$20 (under 15), \$40 adult / LOCALS: Afl. 40

TICKETS: at the theater door

GROUP SALES: (297) 561-1090

WestinAruba.com/magic

MagicLive.com

MagicOnTheBeach.com



Taj Mahal

Taste of India

Authentic Indian Restaurant
on the Island

Open Mon - Sat
Lunch : 12:00 - 3:00pm
Dinner : 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Havenstraat 36,
Behind Royal Plaza Mall,
Oranjestad, Tel : 5884494

NBA: Compact schedule to be a battle of attrition

NEW YORK (AFP) - The NBA has announced its compressed 66-game schedule, which will force every team to navigate demanding stretches at home and on the road that they would not normally endure in a full season.

Because of the lockout-shortened season, the Los Angeles Lakers are now scheduled to play games on the first three nights of the NBA season. Teams will have a total of 42 back-to-back-to-back sets.

The Atlanta Hawks face one stretch where they play nine games in 12 nights, beginning with their December 27 opener.

The NBA's 66th season begins with five games on Christmas Day, including the Lakers hosting the Chicago Bulls. Los Angeles then visits Sacramento the next night before returning home to host Utah on December 27.

The league kept its most storied rivalry going with the Lakers travelling to Boston for a February 9 contest. Boston has a stretch of eight road games in 13 nights in March with games on back-to-back nights at the Staples Center arena in Los Angeles against the Lakers and Clippers.

NBA finalists Dallas Mavericks and Miami Heat also will play twice. They follow their Christmas Day opener with another contest on March 12. The Heat and Lakers also play two games against each other.

Philadelphia plays its first five games on the road, its longest season-opening trip ever as teams will play 48 conference games and 18 against the opposing conference.

The regular season is scheduled to conclude April 26 and the playoffs will open

two nights later. The last possible date of the NBA finals is June 26.

The NBA faces the compressed schedule because of the owners and players union failed to reach a new collective bargaining agreement in time to save the November 1 start to the season.

A tentative labour agreement was reached on November 26 and now lawyers for the owners and players are finalizing the details. Both sides are expected to vote on the deal Thursday before training camps and free agency opens on Friday.

Baseball: Marlins go after World Series hero Pujols



DALLAS (AFP) - The Miami Marlins have made an offer to three-time National League MVP Albert Pujols, trying to woo the marquee free agent first baseman with a multi-million dollar, 10-year contract.

The offer would pay Pujols in excess of \$200 million, USA Today newspaper reported on Tuesday.

Marlins officials met with Pujols' agent Dan Lozano on Monday as the 31-year-old's free agency is expected to spark one of the most lucrative bidding wars in Major League Baseball history.

There are two other teams besides St. Louis reported to be in the running, including the Chicago Cubs. The 31-year-old Pujols could also return to the World Series champion Cardinals.

The Marlins have already landed closer Heath Bell and shortstop Jose Reyes in the past few weeks.

Pujols has spent his entire 11-year career in St. Louis, hitting 445 career homers which puts him just 30 short of Stan Musial's club record.

Last season, Pujols hammered 37 homers and 99 RBIs while batting .299.

American football: Sandusky arrested on new sex charges

STATE COLLEGE (AFP) - Former Penn State University assistant American football coach Jerry Sandusky has been arrested on 12 new charges of sex abuse by two more accusers, officials said.

Authorities arrested and arraigned Sandusky on the new charges on Wednesday, the state attorney general's office said, after a grand jury questioned the new accusers, both part of The Second Mile, a charity started by Sandusky in 1977.

The new accusers bring to



10 the total number of people claiming that Sandusky abused them as pre-teen boys. Sandusky faces a hearing

next Tuesday on 40 charges stemming from an investigation into the first eight alleged victims, who recounted incidents that took place over a 15-year span.

Sandusky has denied any sexual misconduct, saying that he showered with boys but never abused them.

One of the new accusers, known as Victims 9 and 10 to prosecutors, says he was assaulted in 1997 while the other claims that Sandusky's abuse took place in 2004.

continues on page 14

The Aruban Chef
Island Taste

The Island have never tasted so GOOD before.

Open from 11:00am - 11:00pm
Closed on Monday
For Reservation Please Call Tel: 587-9300
COME WITH THIS AD AND RECEIVE ONE FREE ARUBIAN COCKTAIL WITH THE PURCHASE OF YOUR MEAL

THE MORNING NEWS
Your source for local news in English

Ingrid Does
Manager

Rosalinda Maduro
Chandette Richardson
Editors

Marline v.d. Linden
Asst. to the editors

Rosalie Klein
Reporter/Photographer

Yanis Garcia
Paula Iglesias
Sales Representatives

Local news provider for
visitaruba.com
aruba.com
caribseek.com

Int'l News provider:
Agence France
Presse (AFP)

Printed by
Diario N.V.

Tel: 588-9517 / Fax: 588-9518
E-mail:
themorningnewsaruba@gmail.com
Website:
www.themorningnewsaruba.com

UNICASA Supermarket

PALM BEACH # 184
TEL: (297) 586-8540

Next to
Grand Victoria Bar & Restaurant
Close to the traffic lights
and high rise hotel area.

Opening hours:
Monday - Saturday 8a.m. - 12midnight / Sunday 8a.m. - 10p.m

BEST PRICES ON THE ISLAND

WE OFFER QUALITY EXCELLENT SERVICE, A WIDE VARIETY OF LIQUORS AND WINES AND MUCH MORE

Amazing views over Aruba,

Our Unique Location, Exquisite Italian Cuisine, Outdoor Bar, Warm Service and our Indoor and Outdoor tables make us

... The Experience you can't miss

Situated on the Hill of Hudishibana right next to the California Lighthouse

Open Daily at 8.30 AM serving a mini Breakfast, Lunch (11 AM) and Dinner (5.30 PM). Happy Hour from 5 to 7 PM. Live Music Daily from 7.30 to 9.30 PM.

LA TRATTORIA EL FARO BLANCO RESTAURANT

The Perfect Location for ALL Celebrations.

Please call 586 0786 for Reservations

THE BEST OF ITALY IN ARUBA

Please present this ad for a 10% discount on your food selection.

Basketball: Prosecutor drops Syracuse abuse case



SYRACUSE (AFP) - Despite credible evidence of sexual abuse against former Syracuse University assistant basketball coach Bernie Fine, a prosecutor said on Wednesday that he cannot press charges in the case.

Onondaga County District Attorney William Fitzpatrick said events in the claims by two former team ballboys took place in the 1980s, too

long ago to be prosecuted because of the statute of limitations has expired.

Bobby Davis, one of the alleged victims, had a brief conversation with police in 2002 but was told then that no case could be brought because too much time had elapsed.

But Davis and a supporting witness, stepbrother Michael Lang, went public with their claims after a child sex abuse

scandal involving an assistant American football coach at Penn State University.

That has sparked an ongoing investigation being led by US Secret Service agents, but Fitzpatrick says there is nothing he can do with the details he has before him now.

"On almost every single criteria, Bobby Davis came out as a credible person," he said. "Mike Lang also comes across as a credible person."

Fitzpatrick said if presented the same evidence about a recent incident that he would file charges, but refused to go as far as judging Fine.

"It is not my place to pronounce Bernie Fine guilty of anything," he said.

Fine, 65, had been the top assistant to Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim since 1976 before being fired after a third man, 23-year-old Zach Tomaselli of Maine, accused Fine of sexual misconduct.

The Syracuse team remains unbeaten this season and ranked among the top US college teams despite the controversy.

Davis and Long accuse Fine of molesting them at his home and at team facilities when they were children. Fine has denied any wrongdoing, calling the allegations "patently false."

Fitzpatrick said that Tomaselli's claims do not relate to Onondaga County and

therefore he has not looked into them, but they do fall within a prosecutable time frame for federal officials who are looking into the case, having searched Fine's house and office.

Fitzpatrick said Syracuse police should have done more in 2002 to encourage Davis to come forward with more information. Davis never spoke in person to police and no official report was opened on his allegations in 2002.

Then-police chief Dennis DuVal, a 1970s Syracuse basketball standout, decided not to open a file on the matter, Fitzpatrick said.

"Certainly, in hindsight, more should have been done to encourage Bobby Davis to come forward, to make him feel welcome to come in and give a statement, and new procedures have been put in place by Chief (Frank) Fowler to address that issue," Fitz-

patrick said.

Fitzpatrick had earlier criticized a 2005 Syracuse University inquiry into Davis' claims but said Wednesday there was no indication anyone at the school tried to cover up or hide details about the accusations.

"There is not a shred of evidence that we have uncovered, or a suggestion of evidence, that anybody at the Syracuse Police Department was directed to ignore this matter, destroy their notes or to encourage Bobby Davis to remain silent," Fitzpatrick said.

Fitzpatrick said a push to force the resignations of Syracuse Chancellor Nancy Cantor or coach Boeheim were misguided attempts to mirror details of the Penn State scandal and should stop.

"Hasn't Bernie Fine caused enough pain in this community?" Fitzpatrick said.

FEEL AT HOME AWAY FROM HOME

"ROOMS TO LET"

FOR INFORMATION:CALL. 005999-6639544.

Thursday

Mr Golden Oldies is back!

Dennis Zeppenfeldt from 7 till 12 pm

GARUFA
Cigar & Cocktail Lounge

Wilhelminastraat 63 Oranjestad, Aruba 582 3677